

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A printer comprising:
means for printing an image according to image data;
means for retrieving print control parameters and image data stored in a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the means for retrieving;
means for setting an operation condition of said printing means according to the print control parameters; and
means for controlling the printing means according to the operation condition so that the printing means can print an image according to the image data,
wherein the print control parameters include information on a file format of the image data.

32-33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) The printer according to claim 31, further comprising means for erasing both of the image data and the print control parameters stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.

35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) The printer according to claim 31, further comprising means for storing information of functions of the printing means and sorter into the removable storage medium so that the information can be used by external equipment for generating print control parameters.

37-38. (canceled)

39. (currently amended) A method for performing operations on a printer, comprising the steps of:

retrieving print control parameters and image data stored in a removable storage medium when the medium is connected to the printer;

setting a printing condition according to the print control parameters; and

printing an image on a print medium based on the image data according to the printing condition,

wherein the print control parameters include information on a file format of the image data.

40-42. (canceled)

43. (currently amended) The method of claim 39, further comprising a step of erasing both of the image data and the print control parameters stored in the removable storage medium, after printing the image data.

44-47. (canceled)